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1. A Border Guard zastava, manned by 30 soldiers, is located in Rakovitsa (N 43-46, E 22-29), Kula Okoliya. There are two bunkers in the vicinity of the zastava and another three bunkers in the vicinity of the village cemetery, constructed of beams, brick and earth. Near the village mill there are some trenches capable of holding a platoon, and deep enough to protect a man standing erect.
2. The Communist Party in Rakovitsa has only four active members, including party secretary Minko Vanciov. Last summer all the peasants were obliged to serve as watchers in the fields for evidence of sabotage, and were, themselves, under the watch of the Militia.
3. A Border Guard post is manned by 60 soldiers, six noncommissioned officers, and three officers in the village of Kireevo (N 43-48, E 22-25). The soldiers are rotated each month.
4. In the village of Kosovo (N 44-06, E 22-38), Vidin Okoliya, there are 120 soldiers and border guards, and four officers.
5. Trenches are being excavated along the Vidin-Smurdan (N 44-02, E 22-49) road beginning approximately two kilometers from Vidin and extending to Smurdan. Between the village of Smurdan and Kapitanovtsi (N 44-03, E 22-52), the trenches turn and extend to the village of Mayor Uzunovo (N 44-05, E 22-50). Along the Vidin-Bregovo road there are many trenches with mortar and machine gun nests and some bunkers. The trenches are not manned.
6. Another line of bunkers extends along the road from the vicinity of Bregovo toward Gradets (N 44-02, E 22-45). The bunkers and machine gun nests in the trenches are brick.

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7. The following Border Guard units are located in the vicinity of Trün:

- a. A post manned by 70 soldiers in Zabel (N 42-50, E 22-36);
- b. A post manned by 100 soldiers and commanded by an unidentified lieutenant in Miroslavtsi (probably Miloslavtsi (N 42-50, E 22-33); the guards are housed in the school and in the home of Dimităr Petrov, a refugee in Yugoslavia;
- c. In Vasilovtsi (sic), there are 100 soldiers and four officers commanded by an unidentified lieutenant;
- d. In Vokhova (N 42-46, E 22-30), there are 70 soldiers and three officers; and
- e. In Strezimirovtsi (N 42-48, E 22-27), there are 100 soldiers and 4 officers.

The headquarters of all these units is located in Trün.

8. [redacted] the following army officers in this command:

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a. Milko Vladimirov, [redacted]

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b. Andrei Zankov, [redacted]

c. Peter Milosev, [redacted]

d. Dimităr Gheorgiev, [redacted]

e. Petko Zonev, [redacted]

f. Stanko Miloshev, [redacted]

- 9. At the edge of Stanintsi (N 43-03, E 22-56), there is a new building which houses the Border Guard post complement. The Border Guard post, known as "Vit", is manned by 50 soldiers, eight noncommissioned officers and two officers. The commander is Lieutenant Popov, and the political commissar and assistant commander is Lieutenant Paunov. The border guards are armed with rifles, automatic rifles, light and heavy machine guns and hand grenades.
- 10. Approximately 200 meters north of this post, there is a bunker with six apertures for weapons. To the east of this bunker, at a distance of 300 meters, there is another bunker.
- 11. On the road to Godech, between the village of Goleah (N 43-04, E 22-58) and the Goleah River, tank obstacles are placed on both sides of the road. The obstacles consist of reinforced concrete blocks of several tons, each of which is on a pedestal. Along the same road between Ropotamo (probably Ropot N 43-03, E 22-59) and Razboishte (N 43-01, E 22-58), there are two lines of trenches 100 meters apart. The two lines are connected by passages, and are approximately six or seven kilometers from the border. These run in a zig-zig pattern for a distance of two kilometers and end at Vidlich Mountain. The interiors of the trenches are reinforced with stakes to keep the walls from caving in, and in some places in front of the trenches, there are networks of barbed wire.
- 12. Between the villages of Razboishte and Tuden (N 43-01, E 23-00), there is another line of trenches similar to those between Ropotamo and Razboishte.

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